

**761—604.31 (321) Driving test requirements and waivers for noncommercial driver's licenses.**

**604.31(1) *Driving test requirements.*** The driving test requirements for noncommercial driver's licenses are as follows:

- a. Instruction permits.* A driving test is not required to obtain an instruction permit.
- b. Class C driver's licenses.* For a Class C driver's license other than an instruction permit or a motorized bicycle license, an operator's driving test in a representative vehicle is required.
- c. Class D driver's licenses.* For a Class D driver's license, a driving test in a representative vehicle for the endorsement requested, as set out in 761—subrule 605.4(2), is required.
- d. Class M driver's licenses and motorcycle endorsements.* The driving test for a Class M driver's license or motorcycle endorsement consists of two parts: an off-street motorcycle skill test and an on-street driving test.

(1) The off-street motorcycle skill test is required. The on-street motorcycle driving test is also required if the applicant does not have another driver's license that permits unaccompanied driving.

(2) A motorcycle shall be used for these tests. If a three-wheeled motorcycle is used, the driver's license shall be restricted: "Not valid for 2-wheel vehicle."

*e. Motorized bicycle licenses.* For a motorized bicycle license, an off-street or on-street driving test may be required. A motorized bicycle shall be used for the test.

**604.31(2) *Driving test waivers.*** The department may waive a required driving test listed in subrule 604.31(1) if the applicant meets one of the following qualifications:

*a.* The applicant is applying for the applicant's first Iowa driver's license that permits unaccompanied driving following successful completion of the appropriate Iowa-approved course or courses. The appropriate Iowa-approved courses are the following: driver education for a Class C driver's license other than motorized bicycle, driver education and motorcycle rider education for a Class M driver's license or motorcycle endorsement, and motorized bicycle education for a motorized bicycle license. However:

(1) The department may select dates and require a driving test of applicants whose birth dates fall on the selected dates. The department shall notify the Iowa department of education quarterly of the dates selected.

(2) If an applicant is under the age of 18, a driving test is required if so requested by the applicant's parent, guardian, or instructor.

*b.* The applicant is renewing a Class C, Class D or Class M Iowa driver's license or endorsement within 14 months after the expiration date.

*c.* The applicant has passed the same type of driving test for another Iowa driver's license or endorsement that is still valid or has expired within the past 14 months.

*d.* The applicant has a military extension and is renewing the applicant's Iowa driver's license within six months following separation from active duty.

*e.* The applicant is applying for a Class C Iowa driver's license that permits unaccompanied driving and has an equivalent out-of-state license that is valid or has expired within the past year.

*f.* The applicant is applying for a Class D Iowa driver's license and has an equivalent out-of-state license that is valid or has expired within the past year.

*g.* The applicant is applying for a Class M driver's license or a motorcycle endorsement and has an equivalent out-of-state Class M driver's license or motorcycle endorsement that is valid or has expired within the past year.

*h.* The applicant has a valid, equivalent driver's license issued by a foreign jurisdiction with which Iowa has a nonbinding reciprocity agreement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 321.174, 321.178, 321.180, 321.180A, 321.180B, 321.186, 321.189, 321.193, 321.196 and 321.198.